

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Max Schaldach, Andreas Becker and Harald Barthel

Application No.: 09/996,061

Group No.: 3731

Filed: November 27, 2001

Examiner: Michael Thaler

For: STENT INCLUDING HUMAN OR ANIMAL TISSUE

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
 - i. Prior to abandonment of the application

INSTRUCTIONS

3. Please enter previously submitted Amendment after Final Office Action, submitted 15 August 2006.

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 790.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	49	–	52 = 0	x \$ 50.00	= \$		0.00
INDEP.	1	–	3 = 0	x \$ 200.00	= \$		0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 360.00	= \$		0.00
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$		0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$790.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$790.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Charge Account 15-0450 the sum of \$790.00.

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 15-0450.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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